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The Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway

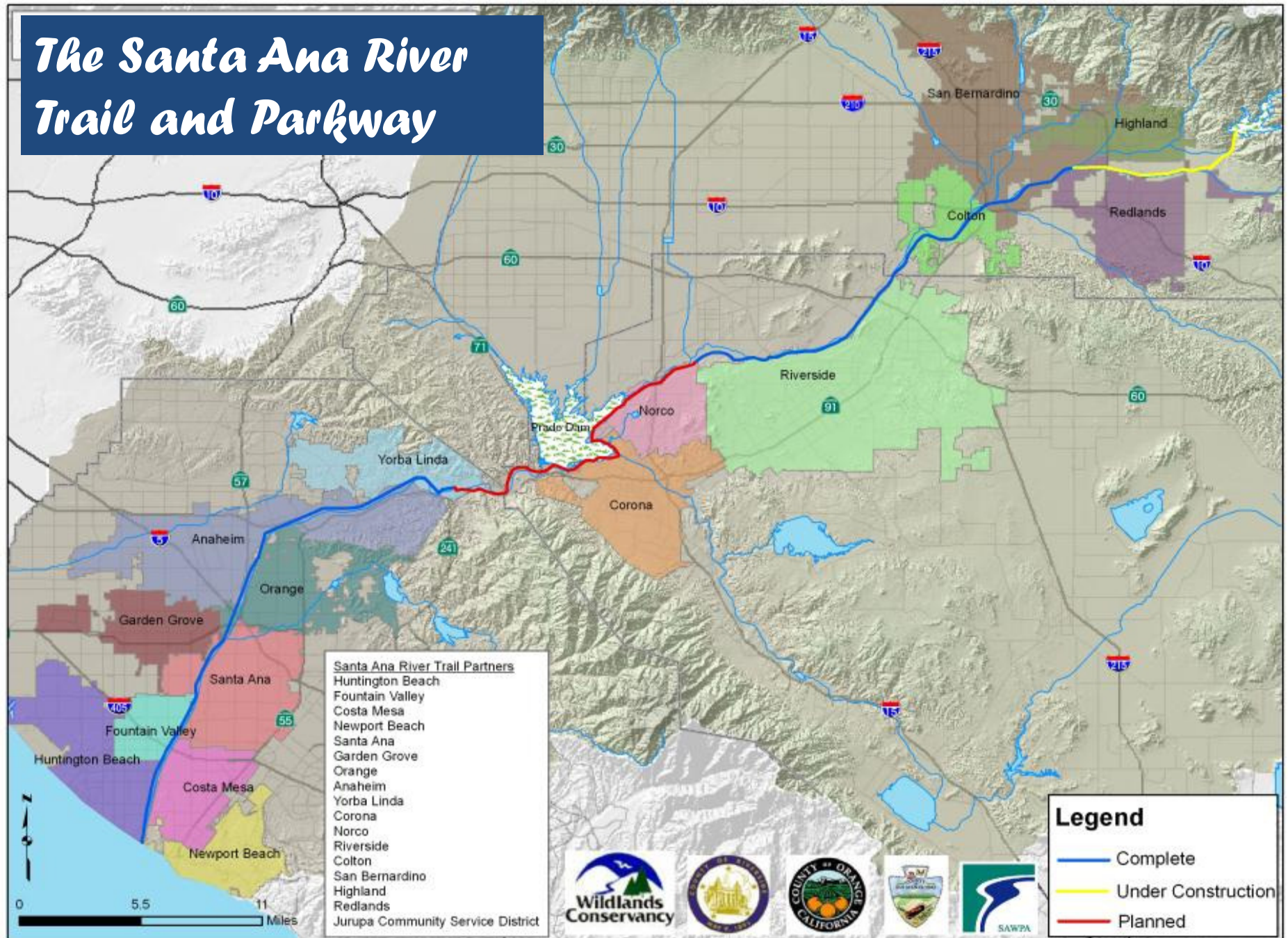


Today's Presentation

- Describe development of the SAR Trail and Parkway Partnership
- How we came to be and how we work
- Take you on a virtual tour
- Status and future of the trail

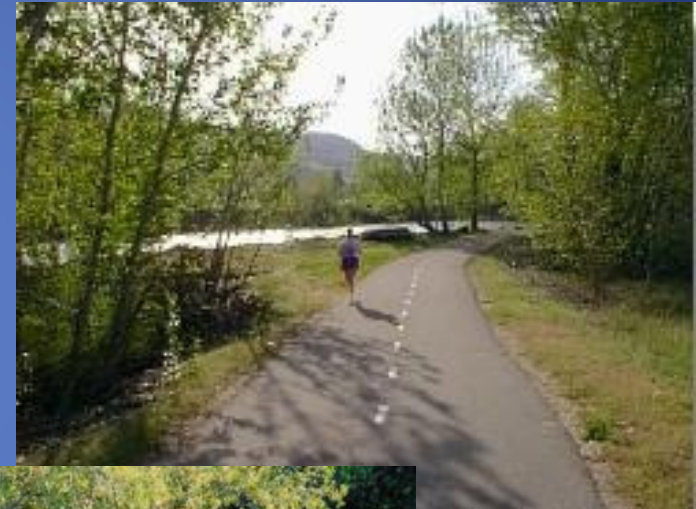


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One trail. Many uses.



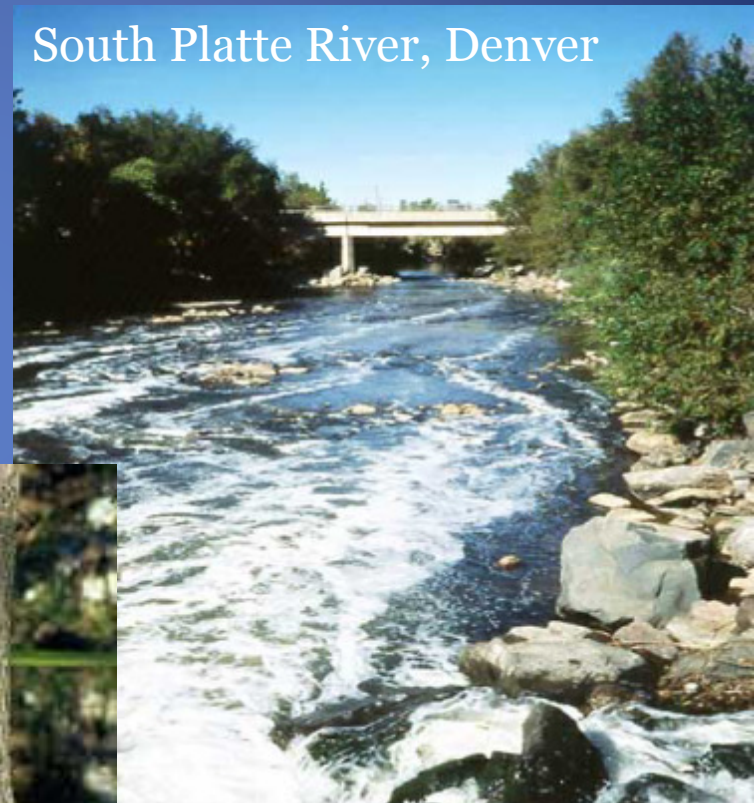


2005 Call to Action: Partnership is Born





Jordan River Parkway, Utah



South Platte River, Denver



American River, Sacramento



Elements Common to Other Successful Efforts

1. Decision making-body made up of local leaders
2. Adequate and reliable funding
3. Public and private partnership



1: Local Decision Making Body

- In July 2006, the 3 counties, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and Wildlands Conservancy signed an MOU to form The SAR Trail and Parkway Partnership
- Locally led, locally supported with authority to make decisions



MOU Establishes Organizational Structure to Share Management

- Policy Advisory Group (Elected Officials)
- Technical Advisory Group (Managers)



Partners include...



- **Parks Departments from each county**
- **Transportation agencies from each county**
- **Flood Control agencies from each county**
- **15 cities**

A photograph of a dirt trail winding through a dry, hilly landscape. The trail is light-colored and appears to be made of gravel or sand. It is flanked by dry, brownish vegetation on the left and a dense line of green trees on the right. In the background, there are rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The text "A Clear and Focused Goal: To Build and Manage the Trail and Parkway" is overlaid in yellow, bold, serif font.

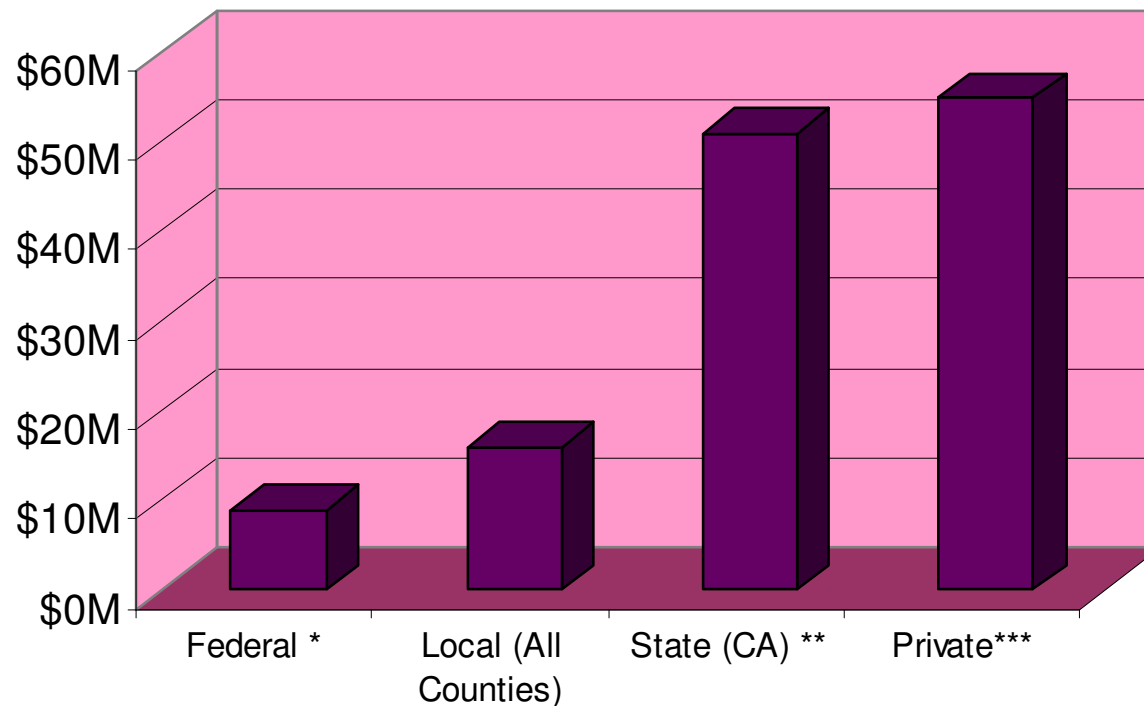
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2: Stable Funding Source

Construction Total Funding Commitments **(includes past and future contributions as of 2007)**

**Estimated Contribution by Partner
(Total throughout Watershed)**



3. Partnerships



Public - Private Partnerships





success!

- Voted Best Bikeway OC Register Readers' Poll
- 9 miles constructed in 2007 alone
- 19 continuous miles from Waterman Avenue to Norco now complete!
- First time Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are connected in history
- First regional work plan adopted to complete remaining gaps
- Funding now secured to complete the trail
- Recognized by California State Senate, Assembly and U.S. Congress as model best practice

*Rugged in spots...it will never be paved above
Seven Oaks Dam*





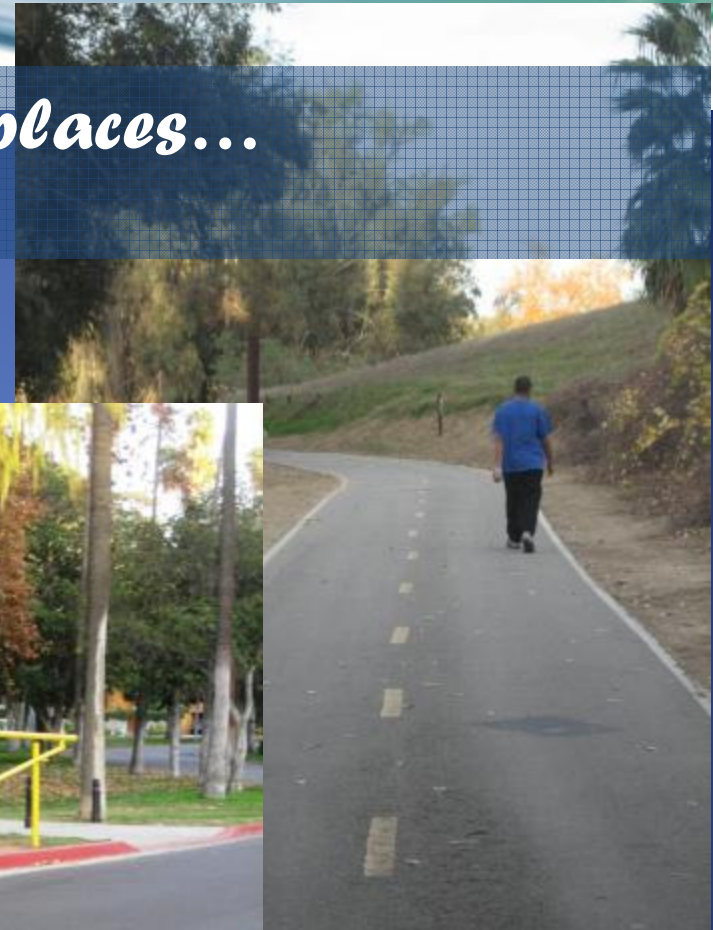
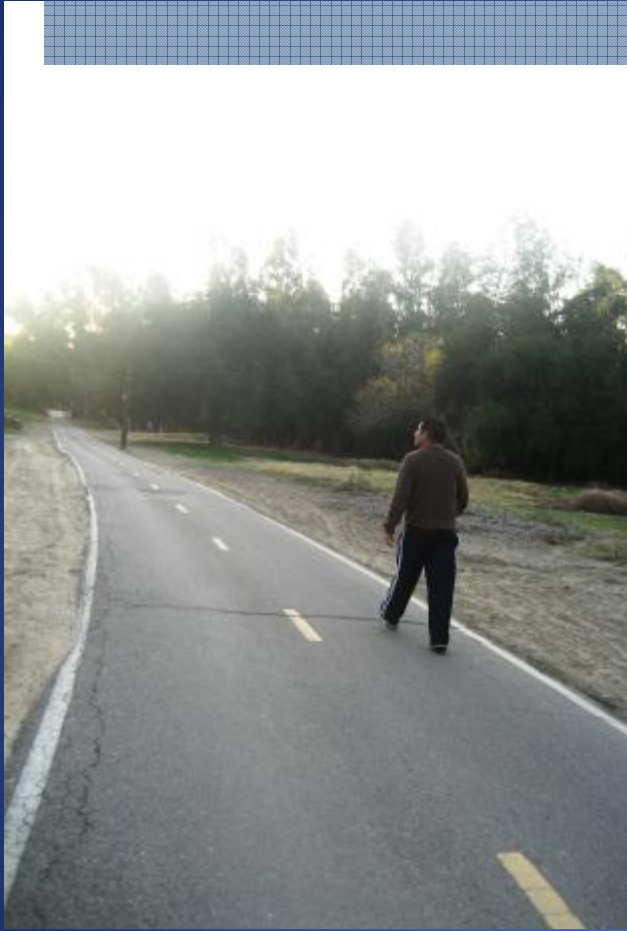


Moving west and south, the trail passes through urbanized and wild areas...





Even using city streets in some places...



Offering unique experiences for its users....





*Moving west toward Orange County
more urbanized landscapes...*

But the Prado Basin holds an unexpected escape...right next door to some of the worst traffic in the country.



The trail reaches its end at the Pacific Ocean...





Current Status

Since 2006...

- Celebrated 5th Anniversary of Partnership
 - Received about \$8.4 million to complete planning, alignment and some construction
 - Completed alignment studies and preliminary environmental work for remaining gaps in all 3 counties
 - Initiated annual “Spirit of Partnership” Award
 - Anaheim Coves Park finished providing 14 acres open space and 1.5 miles of bike trail
 - Set up website (www.santanarivertrail.org)
 - Established non-profit Santa Ana River Trust

The Santa Ana River Trust

THE SANTA ANA RIVER TRUST AT A GLANCE...

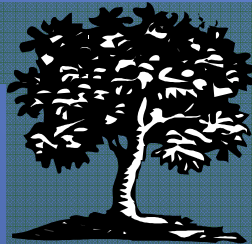
Building

Building trails and parks, connecting communities



Greening

Creating oases in an urban core for humans, plants, and animals.

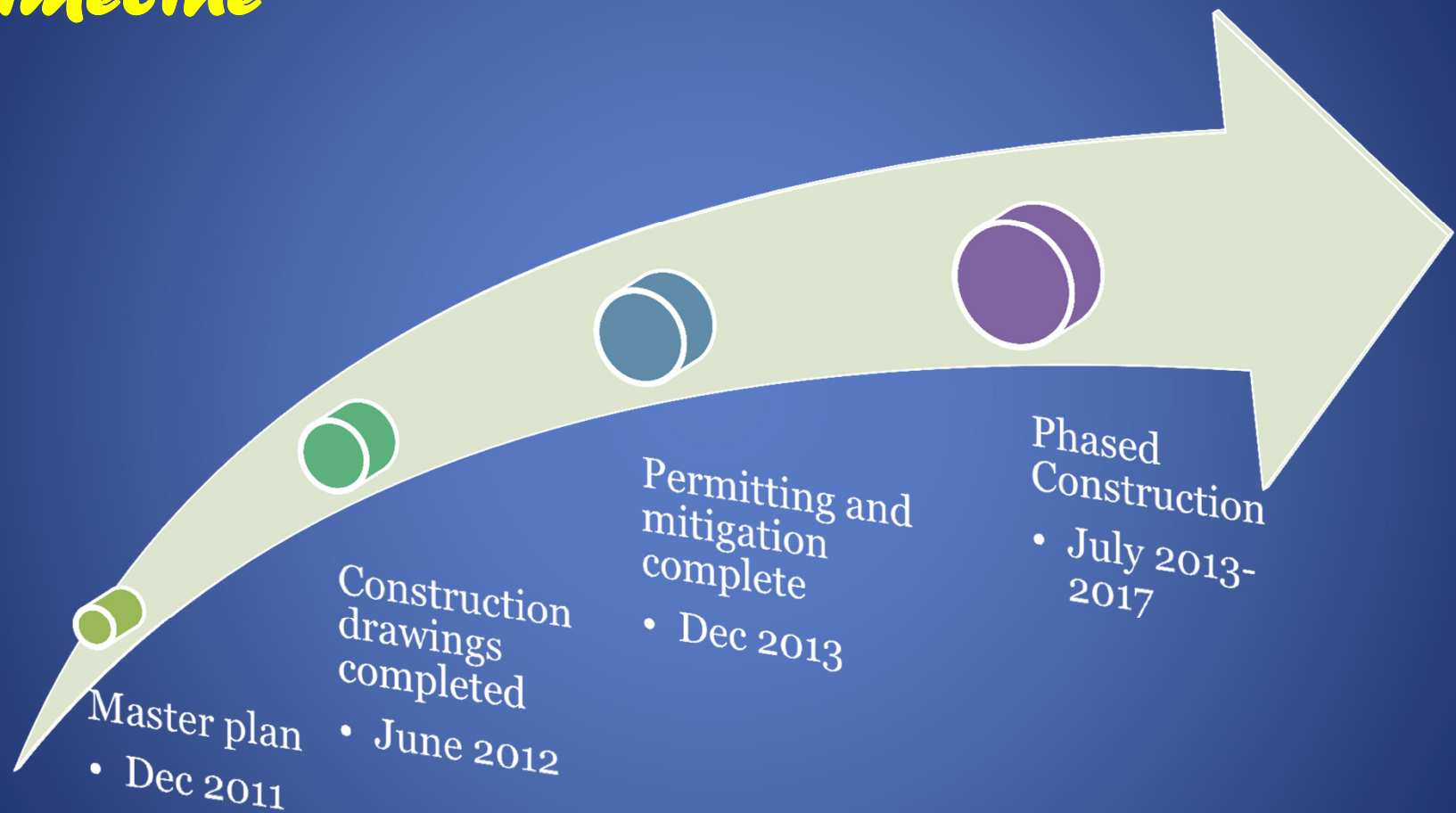


Playing

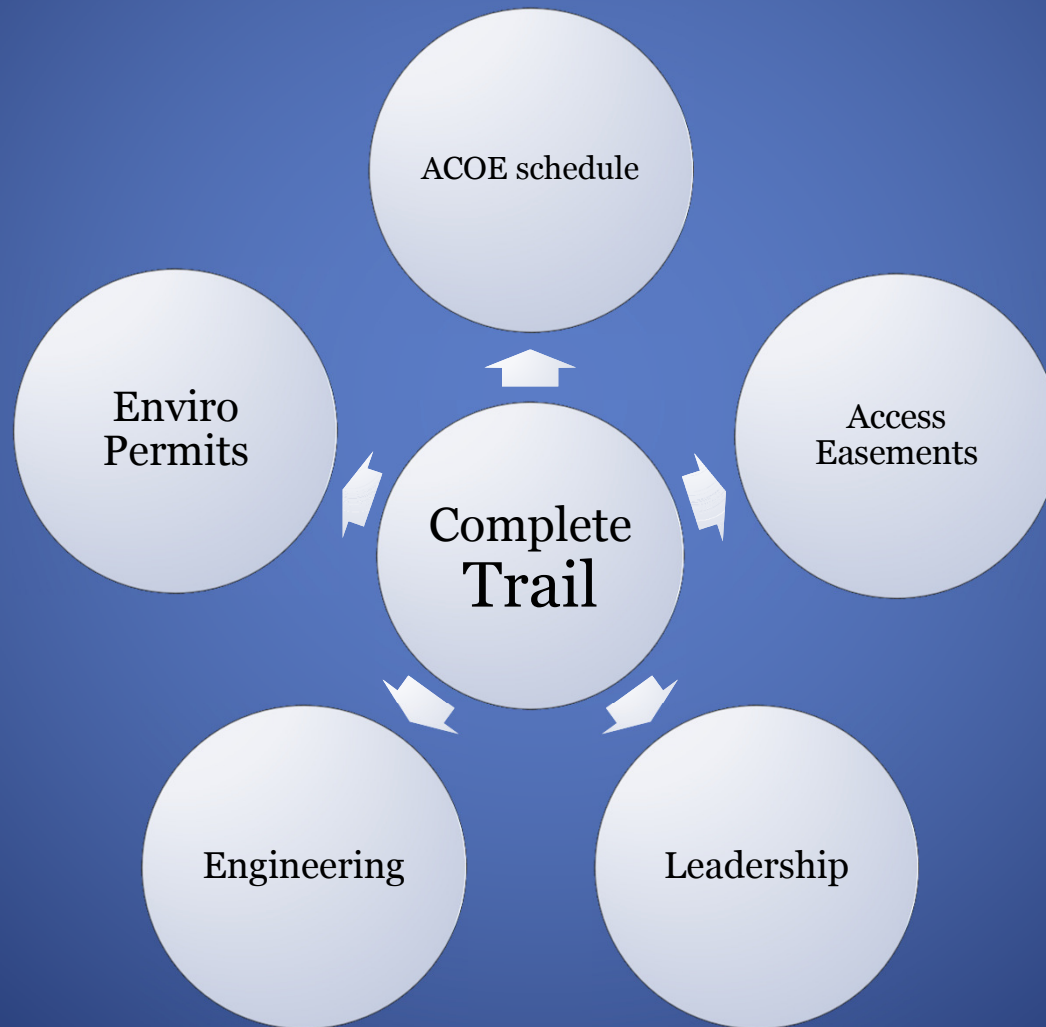
Encouraging outdoor play through interpretive programs and opportunities.



Timeline



Constraints and Opportunities



Looking Ahead

- Developing plans in 2012 for
 - 3 miles of trail to connect OC and Riverside Counties
 - 22 miles of trail in Riverside County
 - 11 miles of trail in San Bernardino County
- Construction planned for 2012-2013





Questions?

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